Global Literacy in Social Studies



How do individuals, groups, and nations interact with the global community?

Guiding questions to incorporate the concept of global literacy into traditional social studies courses at the 5-12 level.

Behavioral Sciences

- How does the brain structure and function influence your understanding of the world around you?
- What are the factors that contribute to individual identity?
- What are the influences of social institutions on the individual in societies?
- What makes a culture unique?
- How do people maintain cultural identity?
- What factors influence a person's mental health?
- How do various belief systems shape perspectives on self, nation and the world?

U.S. History

- What is the interaction between the physical environment and United States history and culture?
- What key demographic changes have impacted the United States?
- How has global conflict / cooperation shaped the course of US history?
- How has the United States viewed its role in the global community?
- How have cultural changes influenced institutions in the United States?

Economics

- How do resources drive economics?
- What is the impact of international trade?
- What role does the United States, Wisconsin, and your community play in the world economy?
- What is the impact of globalization on the United States and its citizens?
- What is the role of consumer confidence in modern economic systems?

Political Science/Government/Civics

- How does the U.S. government compare and contrast with other governments worldwide?
- What is the United States' relationship with other governments and international organizations?
- How do different political systems define and protect individual human rights?

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